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1. CAREFUL CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE MATTER OF
A US PRESENTATION OF THE PORAT STUDY ON ECONOMICS OF
INFORMATION AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE INFORMATION,
COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTER POLICY GROUP (ICCP) ON MARCH
1-3. AS THE MEETING WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY CONCERNED WITH
PROGRAM POLICY AND PLANNING, THE MISSION FEELS THAT AN
EXPERT-LEVEL TECHNICAL PRESENTATION WOULD NOT BE APPRO-
PRIATE. THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE US TO PRES-
ENT AND DISCUSS THE STUDY IN DETAIL AT AN EXPERT GROUP
MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THERE
WILL CERTAINLY BE AN OCCASION FOR THE ECONOMICS OF THE
INFORMATION SECTOR TO BE THE THEME OF A FORUM DISCUSSION
IN THE ICCP ITSELF. DSTI DIRECTOR BECKLER HAS BEEN CON-
SULTED ON THIS AND HAS CONFIRMED THE ABOVE FROM THE
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POINT OF VIEW OF THE SECRETARIAT, ADDING THAT THE ICCP
GROUP WILL HAVE ITS WORK CUT OUT TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY
WITH PROGRAM PLANNING FOR POLICY LEVEL ACTIVITIES, SO
THAT EVEN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF EXPERT-LEVEL TECHNICALI-
TIES WOULD BE OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
MEETING.

2. THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO REF (B) PARA 3 (B), IN WHICH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT WAS OUTLINED IN GENERAL TERMS. AS FAR AS THE MARCH 1-3 ICCP MEETING IS CONCERNED, THE MOST USEFUL INITIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ICCP BY THE US IN THE ECONOMICS OF INFORMATION FIELD WOULD BE THE SUBMISSION OF A WELL-DESIGNED WORK PROPOSAL, BASED ON THE US STUDY, BUT OPEN-ENDED ENOUGH TO ENABLE SUITABLE ADAPTATION TO THE STRUCTURE OF OTHER MEMBER-COUNTRY INFORMATION PROCESSES. BACKED UP BY A STATEMENT BY DR. RICHARDSON ON THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS, THIS WOULD (A) RESPOND TO THE WISHES OF ICCP GROUP (B) GIVE MEMBER-COUNTRY EXPERTS TIME TO REFLECT ON THE US METHODOLOGY PRIOR TO THE EXPERT GROUP MEETING ITSELF, AND (C) THEREBY FACILITATE THE DRAFTING OF A COGENT 2-3 YEAR WORK PROGRAM IN THE FIELD.

3. SIX COPIES OF DSTI/ICCP/77.5, (SECRETARIAT VERSION OF AN OUTLINE PROGRAM RECEIVED TODAY) HAVE BEEN AIRPOUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (CRAWFORD/OES).

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